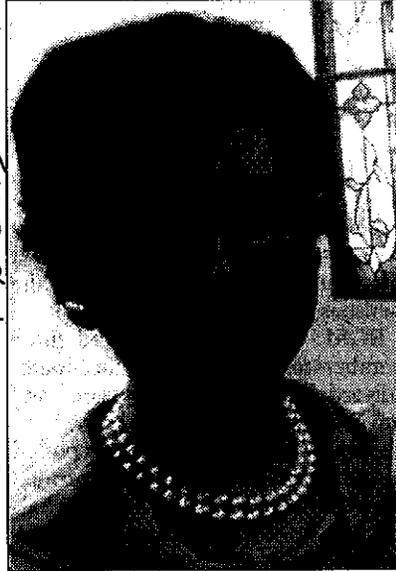


Helen Darlene Fontinel



Helen Darlene Fontinel, 79, of Buford, Ga., formerly of this area, died Monday, Sept. 2, 2013 at Emory University Medical Center in Atlanta, Ga.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, Sept. 14, at 10 a.m. at Kruse-Phillips Funeral Home in Tama with the Rev. Michael D. Lombardo, Our Lady of Consolation Parish, Wayne, N.J., officiating. Interment will follow at St. Patrick Cemetery in Tama. Visitation will be held Saturday, Sept. 14, from 8 a.m. until the time of service at Kruse-Phillips Funeral Home in Tama.

Memorials may be directed to Winship Melanoma & Skin Cancer Fund, Winship Cancer Institute of Emory University, 1440 Clifton Rd., Suite 170, Atlanta, GA 30322. Mail for the family can be sent to: The Fontinel Family, c/o Aaron Fontinel, 2287 Hamilton Mill Parkway, Dacula, GA 30019.

Helen was born on June 16, 1934, in rural Poweshiek County, the daughter of Delmar and Florence Cogley Baustian. She attended country school at Sheridan #4 in Poweshiek County and graduated from Grinnell High School in 1951. Helen was united in marriage with Robert William Fontinel on July 6, 1952, at the Methodist Church in Grinnell. She was the secretary to the Grinnell High School principal and assisted her husband at Wick Homes. Helen later worked at Lord & Taylor and Macy's stores in Texas and Georgia and retired in December of 2009 from ACOSTA Sales & Marketing.

Helen was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Parish in Tama and St. Cyril's Catholic Parish in Houston, Texas, and, since 1997, Prince of Peace Catholic Parish in Flowery Branch, Ga. She was a member of the St. Scholastica Circle at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Tama and a 75-year member of Chester Royal Grange, Poweshiek County, in which she held multiple offices. She enjoyed chronicling family history and sharing new developments by publishing and distributing an annual family calendar for the past 20 years. She shared her life and treasures with family, friends, and many others around the United States and 20 different countries including Morocco, Panama, Thailand, France, Italy, Belgium, and Germany.

Survivors include her children Aaron Fontinel of Dacula, Ga., Rose Ann Fontinel of Manchester, Mo., Rhea Fontinel of Eau Claire, Wis., Barbara Fontinel Yarr of Wayne, N.J., Lance Fontinel of Monroe, Ga., and Lucia Fontinel of Malden, Mass.; 11 grandchildren; and one great granddaughter.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Robert William Fontinel in 2011; son Clinton Robert Fontinel in 1978; and four sisters, Ruth Baustian Abbott, Doris Baustian Scott, Mildred Baustian Johns, and Shirley Baustian O'Hara.